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1. PSOE FIRST SECRETARY FELIPE GONZALEZ, IN AN INTERVIEW  
PUBLISHED SEPT 11 IN "SABADO GRAFICO" MAGAZINE, MADE THE  
FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING COMMUNISM GENERALLY AND  
THE SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCE) IN PARTICULAR:

2. "WE SOCIALISTS, PRECISELY BECAUSE WE ARE DEMOCRATS, DEFEND  
EQUALITY OF POLITICAL PARTICIPATION FOR ALL POLITICAL FORCES.  
INCLUDING THE COMMUNISTS, IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THERE IS  
NO HISTORICAL EVIDENCE THAT COMMUNISTS, ONCE IN POWER, HAVE  
RESPECTED THE DEMOCRATIC RULES OF THE GAME, MUCH LESS THE  
SOCIALISTS THEMSELVES. IN SPITE OF THE DOUBTS WHICH THIS  
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EVIDENCE ENGENDERS, WE MAINTAIN THE HOPE THAT PCE'S

CURRENT STRATEGY OF RESPECTING THE DEMOCRATIC RULES IS SOMETHING MORE THAN WORDS AND DERIVES FROM A PROFOUND CONSIDERATION OF SPANISH REALITY, WHICH HAS FORCED THE COMMUNISTS TO CHANGE THEIR WAY OF THINKING."

3. "... THERE IS A CRITICAL POINT IN THE EVOLUTION OF THAT WHICH CALLS ITSELF EUROCOMMUNISM: THE MOMENT IN WHICH THE COMMUNISTS' AVOWED CHANGE IN ATTITUDE AFFECTS THE INTERNAL STRUCTURE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTIES THEMSELVES. WE HAVE REPEATED MANY TIMES THAT, FOR ANY PARTY TO OFFER SOCIETY A COHERENT DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PROGRAM, THAT PARTY MUST STRUCTURE ITSELF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SOCIAL MODEL WHICH IT PROPOSES. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ONE CAN SPEAK OF UNIFICATION (WORD USED BY INTERVIEWER) OF THE SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST PARTIES IN SPAIN FOR THE NEAR OR EVEN THE MEDIUM TERM."  
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